

illegal corporate union-busting, after receiving testimony from Elizabeth H. Shuler, AFL–CIO, Mary Kay Henry, Service Employees International Union, Sean M. O'Brien, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, and John F. Ring, Morgan, Lewis and Bockius LLP, former Chairman of the National Labor Relations Board, all of Washington, D.C.; and Mark A. Mix, National Right to Work Committee, Springfield, VA.

### NATIVE COMMUNITIES' PRIORITIES

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Native communities' priorities for the 118th Congress, after receiving testimony from Carmen Lindsey, Chair, Board of Trustees Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Honolulu, Hawaii; Shannon Holsey, National Congress of American Indians, Rico, Colorado; Native American Financial Officers Association, and Tesia Zientek, National Indian Education Assistance, all of Washington, D.C.; Thomas Lozano, National American Indian Housing Council, Oroville, California; Nicole Borromeo, Alaska Federation of Natives, Anchorage; and Kari Jo Lawrence, Intertribal Agriculture Council, Billings, Montana.

### PLATFORM ACCOUNTABILITY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law concluded a hearing to examine platform accountability, focusing on Gonzalez and reform, after receiving testimony from Mary Anne Franks, University of Miami Cyber Civil Rights Initiative, Miami, Florida; Hany Farid, Uni-

versity of California, Berkeley; Jennifer Bennett, Gupta Wessler PLLC, San Francisco, California; Andrew Sullivan, Internet Society, Reston, Virginia; and Eric Schnapper, University of Washington School of Law, Seattle.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Dilawar Syed, of California, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Joshua David Jacobs, of Washington, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

### WORLDWIDE THREATS

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine worldwide threats, after receiving testimony from Avril Haines, Director, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; William J. Burns, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; Christopher Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; General Paul Nakasone, Director, National Security Agency; and Lieutenant General Scott D. Berrier, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 44 public bills, H.R. 1434–1477; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 41; and H. Res. 205–213 were introduced.

**Pages H1204–06**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H1208–09**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 197, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–8).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Greene (GA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:32 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m.

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**Committee Elections:** The House agreed to H. Res. 205, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives and ranking a Member on a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives.

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**Unanimous Consent—Consideration of H. Con.**

**Res. 21:** Agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time to consider House Concurrent Resolution 21 in the House if called up by the chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or his designee; that the concurrent resolution be considered as read; that the previous question be considered as ordered on the concurrent resolution to adoption without intervening motion except for one hour of debate

equally divided among and controlled by Representative McCaul, Representative Meeks, and Representative Gaetz or their respective designees; and that the provisions of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution, 50 U.S.C. 1546, shall not apply to House Concurrent Resolution 20. **Page H1161**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:19 p.m. and reconvened at 5:31 p.m. **Page H1194**

**Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove the United States Armed Forces from Syria:** The House failed to agree to H. Con. Res. 21, directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove the United States Armed Forces from Syria, by a yea-and-nay vote of 103 yeas to 321 nays, Roll No. 136.

**Pages H1173–80, H1194–95**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Tuesday, March 7th.

**Department of Veterans Affairs Creation of On-Site Treatment Systems Affording Veterans Improvements and Numerous General Safety Enhancements Act:** H.R. 753, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use on-site regulated medical waste treatment systems at certain Department of Veterans Affairs facilities, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 426 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 137. **Pages H1195–96**

**Protecting Speech from Government Interference Act:** The House considered H.R. 140, to amend title 5, United States Code, to prohibit Federal employees from advocating for censorship of viewpoints in their official capacity. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, March 9th.

**Pages H1180–94, H1196–98**

Agreed to:

Clyde amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 118–7) that requires the Attorney General to submit an annual report to Congress evaluating the compliance of the Federal Government with the Protecting Free Speech from Government Interference Act; **Pages H1186–87**

Comer amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 118–7) that makes technical edits and adds a conforming clarification for the authorities of the Office of the Special Counsel to ensure that the Act’s monetary civil penalties under new section 7382(c)(2) can be fully enforced; **Pages H1187–88**

Bishop (NC) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 118–7) that ensures that law enforcement can only take action against unlawful speech; **Pages H1188–89**

Good amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 118–7) that clarifies enforcement of obscene matters not protected by the First Amendment; **Page H1191**

Ogles amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 118–7) that revises the disciplinary action consisting of removal, reduction in grade, debarment from federal employment for a period not to exceed 10 years, suspension, or reprimand; and **Pages H1193–94**

Ogles amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 118–7) that revises the civil penalty for senior government officials to be \$50,000. **Page H1194**

Rejected:

Perry amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 118–7) that sought to ensure that federal employees entering into collective bargaining agreements using taxpayer funded time (Section 7131) are prohibited from engaging in censorship of private entities (by a recorded vote of 207 yeas to 223 noes, Roll No. 138); and **Pages H1189–91, H1196–97**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 118–7) that sought to strike section 2(e) (by a recorded vote of 209 yeas to 221 noes, Roll No. 139). **Pages H1192–93, H1197**

H. Res. 199, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 140), the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 25) and the bill (S. 619) was agreed to, as amended, by a recorded vote of 216 yeas to 206 noes, Roll No. 135, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 134. **Pages H1161–73**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1171–72, H1172–73, H1195, H1195–96, H1196–97, and H1197.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### A REVIEW OF TITLE VIII: FORESTRY STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Forestry held a hearing entitled “A Review of Title VIII: Forestry Stakeholder Perspectives”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PUBLIC WITNESS DAY 1

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witness Day 1”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.